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## CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #5-7

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TO: All Inspection Staff

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: NUMBER OF EXITS

CODE REFERENCE: 2000 Minnesota State Fire Code Section 1005.2.1 and 1005.2.2

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR".

Buildings constructed, remodeled, or changed in use after July 1, 1972, shall have exits as required under the building code and property maintenance code, which was in effect at the time the building was built, remodeled, or changed in use. All other buildings shall comply with the following as to number of exits.

**Every story above the first story must have two separate exits.**

### Exceptions:

1. Buildings of R-3 occupancy.
- 2.

OCCUPANCY	MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDING ABOVE GRADE PLANE	MAXIMUM OCCUPANTS (OR DWELLING UNITS) PER FLOOR AND TRAVEL DISTANCE
A, Bd, E, F, M, U	1 Story	50 occupants and 75 feet travel distance
H-2, H-3	1 Story	3 occupants and 25 feet travel distance
H-4, H-5, I, R	1 Story	10 occupants and 75 feet travel distance
Sa	1 Story	30 occupants and 100 feet travel distance
Bb, F, M, Sa	2 Stories	30 occupants and 75 feet travel distance
R-2	2 Stories/c	4 dwelling units and 50 feet travel distance

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3. Buildings classified as Group R-2 equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 and provided with emergency escape and rescue openings in accordance with Section 1009 and shall have a maximum height of three stories above grade.
4. Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1 with an occupancy in Group B shall have a maximum travel distance of 100 feet.

NOTE: Inspectors should make a notation in Amanda whether or not the basement is occupied at the time of the inspection. This will help to determine if there has been a change in use (example: basement - occupied/basement - not occupied).

Outside stairs constructed under permit and with the approval of DSI are acceptable as a second exit. When applying for a permit, owners must submit drawings for the proposed exit to DSI. The drawings must show all specifications, including the door leading to the stairway.

**No exit from a building can be altered without prior approval from LIEP.**

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